2006-08 ENGINE PERFORMANCE

Catalytic Converter System (R18A1) - Civic (Except Hybrid)

COMPONENT LOCATION INDEX

NOTE: Refer to the CATALYTIC CONVERTER SYSTEM (GX) (SUPPLEMENT) article for additional information for the GX model.

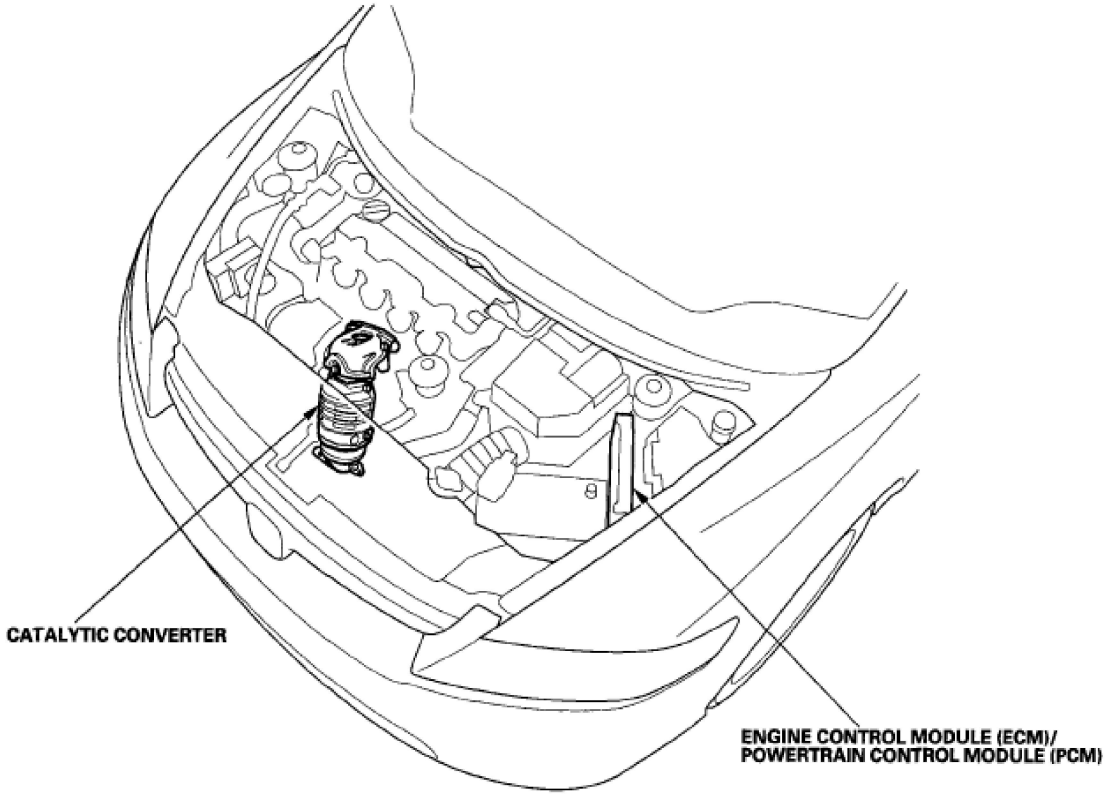

Fig. 1: Identifying Catalytic Converter Component Location
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DTC TROUBLESHOOTING

DTC P0420: CATALYST SYSTEM EFFICIENCY BELOW THRESHOLD

NOTE:

- **Before you troubleshoot, record all freeze data and any on-board snapshot, and review the general**

troubleshooting information (see GENERAL TROUBLESHOOTING INFORMATION).

- **If some of the DTCs listed below are stored at the same time as DTC P0420, troubleshoot them first, then recheck for DTC P0420.**

  P0137, P0138: Secondary H02S (Sensor 2) P0141: Secondary H02S (Sensor 2) heater

- **Poor quality fuel may cause this DTC.**

1. Turn the ignition switch ON (II).
2. Clear the DTC with the HDS.
3. Start the engine. Hold the engine speed at 3,000 rpm without load (in Park or neutral) until the radiator fan comes on, then let it idle.
4. Test-drive under these conditions:
   - Engine coolant temperature (ECT SENSOR 1) above 158 °F (70 °C)
   - A/T in D position (M/T in 5th gear)
   - Vehicle speed between 45-75 mph (72-120 km/h) for 5 minutes or more with cruise control set
   - Maintain the vehicle speed at 55 mph (88 km/h) for 5 minutes or more with cruise control set
5. Monitor the OBD STATUS for DTC P0420 in the DTCs MENU with the HDS.

   Does the screen indicate EXECUTING?

   YES -Go to step 6.

   NO -If the screen indicates OUT OF CONDITION, go to step 4 and recheck. If the screen indicates PASSED, intermittent failure, the system is OK at this time. If the screen indicates FAILED, go to step 8.

6. Continue the test-drive until a result comes on.
7. Monitor the OBD STATUS for DTC P0420 in the DTCs MENU with the

HDS.

Does the screen indicate FAILED?

YES -Go to step 8.

NO -If the screen indicates PASSED, intermittent failure, the system is OK at this time. If the screen indicates EXECUTING, keep driving until a result comes on. If the screen indicates OUT OF CONDITION, go to step 4 and recheck.

8. Turn the ignition switch OFF.
9. Replace the TWC (see **CATALYTIC CONVERTER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION**).
10. Turn the ignition switch ON (II).
11. Reset the ECM/PCM with the HDS.
12. Do the ECM/PCM idle learn procedure (see **ECM/PCM IDLE LEARN PROCEDURE**).
13. Start the engine. Hold the engine speed at 3,000 rpm without load (in Park or neutral) until the radiator fan comes on, then let it idle.
14. Test-drive for about 10 minutes, varying the vehicle speed.
15. Check the CATA MONITOR CONDITION in the DATA LIST with the HDS.

    Is the temperature OK?

    YES -Go to step 16.

    NO -Go to step 13 and recheck.

16. Test-drive under these conditions:
    - Engine coolant temperature (ECT SENSOR 1) above 158 °F (70 °C)
    - A/T in D position (M/T in 5th gear)
    - Vehicle speed at 55 mph (88 km/h) for 5 minutes or more with cruise control set
17. Monitor the OBD STATUS for DTC P0420 in the DTCs MENU with the

HDS.

Does the screen indicate EXECUTING?

YES -Go to step 18.

NO -Go to step 16 and recheck.

18. Continue the test-drive until a result comes on.
19. Check for Temporary DTCs or DTCs with the HDS.

    Are any Temporary DTCs or DTCs indicated?

    YES -go to the indicated .

    NO -Go to step 20.

20. Monitor the OBD STATUS for DTC P0420 in the DTCs MENU with the HDS.

    Does the screen indicate PASSED?

    YES -Troubleshooting is complete.

    NO -If the screen indicates FAILED, check the fuel quality. If the screen indicates EXECUTING, keep driving until a result comes on. If the screen indicates OUT OF CONDITION, go to step 13 and recheck.

CATALYTIC CONVERTER REMOVAL/INSTALLATION

1. Remove the A/F sensor (sensor 1) (see **A/F SENSOR REPLACEMENT**).
2. Remove the secondary H02S (sensor 2) (see **A/F SENSOR REPLACEMENT**).
3. Remove the EGR pipe (see **EGR VALVE REPLACEMENT**).
4. Remove the cover (A).

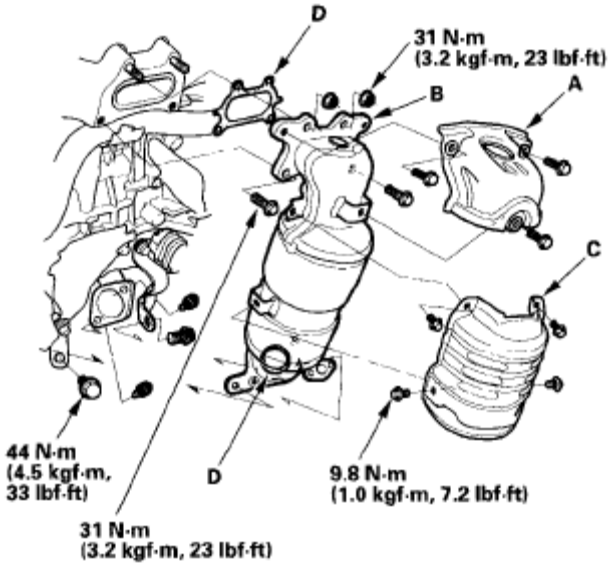

Fig. 2: Identifying Catalytic Converter Components (With Torque Specifications)
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5. Remove the TWC (B).
6. Remove the converter cover (C).
7. Install the parts in the reverse order of removal with new gaskets (D).